

Sum It Up

This strategy helps students pick out essential elements of a passage and then evaluate the relative importance of the ideas they have selected.

Teacher Preparation:

1. Select the passage to be summarized.
2. Make a copy of the worksheet (3-3-2) for each student.

Lesson Plan:

1. Distribute the handout.
2. Have students read the passage and complete the worksheet.

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Read the selection and underline the key words and main ideas. Write these in the box below.

Main Idea Words:

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Now write a one-sentence summary of the article, using as many main idea words as you can. Imagine you only have \$2.00, and each word you use will cost you 10 cents. See if you can “sum it up” in twenty words.

Sum It Up for \$2.00:

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